# **Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee**

Monday June 18, 2012 Approved Minutes

**Attending**: Christine Blaney, Gregory Mountain (Sec'ty),

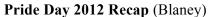
Connor Odell, Michael Pessalano,

Michael Ruane (Chair)

**Regrets:** Chris Balfe, Kevin Brennan,

Yash Risbud, John Sciara

Ruane called mtg to order at 7:40pm Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded



Rain Barrel info + sign-up attracted many visitors, tho' a better location would've helped got 15-20 signatures / emails

Odell provided a rain barrel + an informative poster re: its use + the workshop

### Solar (Ruane)

DPW has installed 2 PV-powered trash bins/compactors on Westwood Ave theory = devices signal when full, requiring fewer pickups

Green Team has information suggesting frequency of pickups thus far is unchanged

## Rain Barrel Workshop (Ruane, Blaney)

June 28 6-8pm Community Center \$25

Sarah Mellor + 1 assistant (both from Rutgers) will run it

short information lecture followed by instructions for assembling rain barrels

they will bring 25 paintable plastic (hi-density polyethylene barrels) + all hardware + tools NB: workshop open to Westwood residents only

advertising

Ruane will send flyer and info to Pascack Press, Community Life ± Bergen Record flyers will be sent to the WW Library and WW webmaster; Facebook?

#### **Biggest Loser project (**Pessalano)

Pessalano looking into issues of legal concern in running this contest Blaney pointed out this project could earn SustainableNJ points as a Ed/Outreach activity

#### **Community Garden** (Ruane)

good news - WW awarded the \$12K grant for garden at Westvale funds will provide for plots, boxes, soil, mulch, fencing ....

Pessalano will locate + bring to EnCom the bylaws, etc. from a similar project in Harwich, MA

#### **Green Team report** (Blaney)

Gritman Park + Third Ave bank restorations have been completed we need 256 more pts for next level SustainableNJ certification; topics to consider:

PV power booster for idling WW Police squad cars

Ruane to re-send tech specs to Blaney to forward to Green Team improving town employee + resident energy conservation behavior more CNG/electric vehicles



low volume toilets police bicycles Master Plan directly addressing Green/Sustainability actions + goal of zero carbon ftprint pesticide reduction list

Next mtg: Sept 17 Mtg. adjourned at 8:55pm